

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-39. (Previously Cancelled)

40. (New) An aqueous system comprising:

(A) a component selected from the group consisting of dichlofluanid, tolylfluanid, fluorfolpet, and mixtures thereof, and

(B) one or more binders having a  $\text{pH} \leq 7$  selected from the group consisting of (i) alkyd resins based on vegetable oils and (ii) acrylate dispersions, wherein the aqueous system is storage stable.

41. (New) An aqueous system according to Claim 40, wherein the binder has a  $\text{pH} \leq 5$ .

42. (New) An aqueous system according to Claim 40, wherein the binder has a  $\text{pH} \leq 3$ .

43. (New) A method for stabilizing a component selected from the group consisting of dichlofluanid, tolylfluanid, fluorfolpet, and mixtures thereof, in an aqueous system,

the process comprising incorporating into the aqueous system one or more binders having a  $\text{pH} \leq 7$  and selected from the group consisting of (i) alkyd resins based on vegetable oils and (ii) acrylate dispersions, and thereby stabilizing the component and forming a storage stable aqueous system.

44. (New) A method according to Claim 43, wherein the binder has a  $\text{pH} \leq 5$ .

45. (New) A method for protecting an aqueous system against microbial infestation comprising incorporating into the aqueous system a storage stable aqueous system comprising:

(A) a component selected from the group consisting of dichlofluanid, tolylfluanid, fluorfolpet, and mixtures thereof, and

(B) one or more binders having a  $\text{pH} \leq 7$  and selected from the group consisting of (i) alkyd resins based on vegetable oils and (ii) acrylate dispersions, and thereby protecting the system.

46. (New) A method according to Claim 45, wherein the binder has a pH  $\leq$  5.

47. (New) A binder comprising an aqueous storage stable system containing:

(A) a component selected from the group consisting of (i) alkyd resins based on vegetable oils and (ii) acrylate dispersions and having a pH  $\leq$  7 and

(B) a component selected from the group consisting of dichlofluanid, tolylfluanid, fluorfolpet, and mixtures thereof.